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GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!

Who - Any adult who attends our church is invited to participate.

What - Dinner for 6-8 people in several homes of church friends. You know where you are going for dinner, but you don't know who else will be there when you arrive.

When - Saturday, March 21st

Where - Several homes of CCC friends

Why - Because we like getting together and getting to know each other better! (And we like to eat!)

Deadline for signing up to participate: Sunday, March 8th.

Contact Person: Sue Tabb 773-2612 / tabbsue@bellsouth.net

—To sign up—

Please fill out the bulletin insert
and place it in the basket on the back table in the sanctuary.



**American
Red Cross**

Triangle Area Chapter

**MARCH
SERVICE PROJECT**

BLOOD DRIVE 3-7:30pm

Monday, March 30 @CCC
Sign-up sheet available soon.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...—Romans 12:2

WOW
(Women of Witness)



Contacts:

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**Ladies, please mark
your March and April calendars**

**WOW Meeting
Friday, March 13, at 7:00pm**

**A Hometown Retreat
Friday night and Saturday April 24 and April 25**

COME JOIN US!
NEW Ladies Bible Study
Beginning Monday, March 9
—10:00am at the church—
Our study will be on Max Lucado's
book, '*Come Thirsty*'. It can be
found at local Christian bookstores
for \$14.95.

A Hometown Retreat

Dearest Sisters,

We are excited to present for you something new: a "*Hometown Retreat*."

With the economy the way it is, with your time at a premium, and with the hope of including more women, we have decided to hold this year's retreat here at home rather than travel to the campgrounds.

Michelle Lasley, our speaker, is from Nashville, Tennessee. She will present a program entitled "Reflections of a Princess." Michelle is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University. She has worked in radio, advertising, and video production for 25 years, and has been a TV spokesperson for numerous car dealers in the Northeast and Southeast. She is now living in Brentwood, Tennessee with her husband Tom (formerly of Cary). She is a busy mother of two, Will (14) and Anna Beth (10). Michelle and her family are members of the Family of God at Woodmont Hills in Nashville where she teaches S.S. and leads a Bible study for stay-at-home Moms. Michelle enjoys speaking to women and encouraging them toward a deeper love of God and a passion for His Word.

We hope that you will begin now to invite friends, family, and coworkers to come and be a part of this Friday night and Saturday event on *April 24 and 25*. Come and enjoy drama, music, fellowship, laughter, and inspiration as you *sleep in your own bed, drive a short distance, and eat at your favorite restaurant*.

We are keeping the cost low (\$5.) so everyone can attend. And we will plan to take up a Love Offering for Michelle.

Look for a sign-up sheet in April. More details will follow.

With our Love and Prayers for all of you,

Maxine Fullerton and Barbara Gregory
WOW CO-directors



Countdown to Canaan: THREE months until Launch!

Missions—The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

I was recently struck by someone's use of the phrase "getting involved in missions". Many people have arrived at a place where they think local missions must be programmed into their lives and their churches. They think in terms of needing to be a part of this event or that event in order that they might reach out to others with some outward display of their faith.

Now, I am not discounting regular local outreach events as a corporate church body, but what about all the unscheduled time between those events? You know, all that time we are quick to call "real life." What are we doing to reach out to those around us in real life? How much grace do we extend to the person who just rear-ended us in traffic? How do we comfort a co-worker who just learned that her teenage daughter is pregnant? Do we turn a deaf ear to a genuine request for a meal or other physical need? I hope not!

It's in these seemingly little things that the light of Jesus Christ shines through us. It is so true that people do not care what we know until they know that we care.

Jesus lived in relationship with people. He lived through "real life" with them. He was there, in the dirty street, when the adulterous woman was about to be stoned (John 8). He stood up for her. He was available and patient with Nicodemus when he came to him in the middle of the night (John 3). Jesus was there when people came to him begging to be healed and provided for. He spoke clearly when he said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for the least of these, you did not do for me." In none of these events do I see anything that resembles the modern church's local missions movement.

My challenge for all of us is to be ready and willing to engage in the messiness of other people's lives with them (as if your life and my life are not equally messy!). Yes, the influence of a church body is wonderful, and the best opportunities to speak deeply into the lives of those around us will occur as we live out "real life" with them - the good, the bad, and the ugly - in a way that points them back to Christ.

-Kyle

Check It Out!

Want more information about the missions our church supports? Be sure to check out the "Missions" bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary! Updates, prayer requests, and specific needs of ministries and missions are posted regularly.

Shoebox Update



We are asking each family to collect items through the year to fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14).

Some suggestions for the month of March: Picture Books, Small Cars, Combs, Sunglasses

Elder's Note

Cary Christian Church Family

“The Conclusion of the Matter...”

The times around us are uncertain... The times around us are promising...

As we examine the turbulent and extraordinary times we are living in, it can at times be overwhelming! On one hand we see the difficulty faced across our nation and in our own congregation by those losing jobs and worrying about how to pay the next bill. Some of us are faced with personal crisis of a physical, mental and/or spiritual nature. However, in the same instant, we see all around us the joy of parents adoring their newborn, the reunion of separated love, the healing of past suffering and the awe of new spiritual birth. How do we make sense of it all?

Solomon speaks of these times in Ecclesiastes chapter 3...

- ¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Often we find ourselves experiencing many of life's aspects mentioned above all at the same time. Where do we find our solace? Solomon mentions two refuges where we can find comfort and strength in our lives. They are the body of Christ and God himself.

The intimate relationships of love and trust we develop with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ is a substantial framework that helps us to bridge the ups and downs of life. The encouragement and support we give to and receive from each other is a necessary and essential part of a vital Christian life. Through our relationships we are able to fend off the attacks of the devil which seeks to separate and destroy us.

Solomon writes in Ecclesiastes 4...

¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. We must stand together, unified in God by the power of his Holy Spirit. Also, when it is all said and done; when we've expended every ounce of energy to do what is right or undo what is wrong; when we've struggled and failed or when we've succeeded in our task, we must realize that it is all irrelevant if it is not aligned to the will of God. Solomon summarizes his evaluation of every aspect of human existence in Ecclesiastes 12...

¹³ Now all has been heard; ...here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

I pray that, as we all continue and deepen our walk of faith, we look ever upward to the Father, who is and was and ever will be, and we fully surrender to the lordship of His son, our Savior Jesus. What amazing times we are in!! To see God working in and through us to the glory of His name! I look forward to seeing what God can and will do in each of you in the weeks and months ahead as you fear and serve Him.

Humbly in His service,
Mark Mueller



We Rejoice!
Courtney Walters
was baptized
into Christ
by her dad, Ken,
Sunday, February 15.



**To everyone who helped
with the January and February
Service Projects!**

Feeding the Homeless (January)

Thank you for donating food and going downtown to help serve. With your help, Cary Christian and Capital City fed 170 people.

Lunches-to-Go (February)

Thank you to everyone who donated food items. The Access teens were able to assemble 50 bag lunches for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

EATS WITH THE ELDERS



**Sunday, March 1
6:00pm at CCC**



**Please bring a dessert.
CCC will provide the drinks.**

We want you to share your ideas and ask questions about our church and what we can do together to improve our service to Him.

Daylight Savings Time



Begins Sunday morning, March 8

March
Prayer
Service

Sunday, March 15

6:30-7:30pm

Childcare will be provided.

Directory Update

Alan Hart

New Email Address:

ahart1955@nc.rr.com



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 14

8:00am



Well, it's been a year. The first Sunday of March 2008 was Marlys' and my first week back at Cary Christian. A year ago, I would never have guessed that the church would be where it is now. We're about 30% smaller than we were then. Our total giving has been similarly reduced, forcing us to tighten the screws on our overall budget for this year – it's also about 30% less than last year. But there are also positive things happening:

We are very close to planting our team in Canaan for a two-year run. It will be the culmination of a ten-year preparation process, and the beginning of a new stage of our international evangelism – we'll finally be on the ground that we've been trying to take for God for so long.

We're significantly expanding our local outreach efforts, so that we'll be moving into the community more often, in more effective ways. We'll be reaching out in love just because we need to. Perhaps it will influence more folks to come through our doors, but that really doesn't matter. Our motivation isn't to grow bigger in numbers, but to grow deeper in sacrifice.

We have a renewed emphasis on corporate prayer, coming together more often for the specific purpose of lifting to God our members, our leaders, our church, our nation, our culture.

We have more members becoming more involved in more areas of church life. Folks have stepped up to fill gaps, to share the load of various ministries, and to begin new ministry efforts.

So, with all these great things and more, here's my question for you - - - Are you excited about any of this? Do you value our times of corporate worship? Do you find help or inspiration in the preaching and teaching? Do you appreciate our growth in service and outreach, both here and abroad? Are you excited about increased activity and involvement in the body here?

If so, then are you telling anyone else about it? Are you encouraging people you know to check into what they'll find here? There are a lot of people around you who wear the name "Christian", but who aren't involved in the life of a church anywhere. You probably know some of them. Do you tell them about us? Do you invite them along? Do you get them and bring them with you?

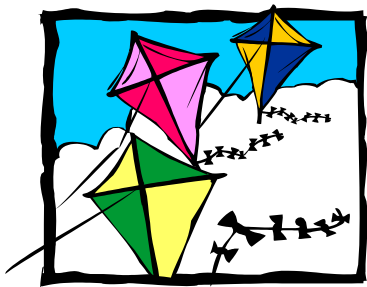
If not, why not? What is it that keeps you from encouraging others to be with us? Are we missing something you think we should have? Is the atmosphere not what you'd want to ask friends to? Do the worship time, the preaching, or the fellowship not measure up?

I hope that you'll think honestly about your answers to these questions. And I'd VERY much like to know your answers. If there's something about your church family that keeps you from wanting to bring others along, I want to hear about it, even if it's about me. I think we have some very good things both happening and developing here at Cary Christian. I don't understand why we don't have friends bring friends every week to find it. Please help me sort this out. The more we have here, the more we can accomplish for the Kingdom of God.

God's servant for you,
Sam

JOSH DOWDY, YOUTH MINISTER CANDIDATE

Sunday, March 15th, following Worship Service,
our church members will vote
on Josh Dowdy to fill our Youth and Family Minister position.



2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EATS WITH THE ELDERS 6:00PM	2	3 North Raleigh, Cary/Southern Wake Small Gps.7:00pm	4 Morrisville, West Cary, Garner/Clayton/ Willow Spgs Small Gps.7:00pm	5 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am Worship Reh. 7:00	6 HIGH SCHOOL	7
8 Move Clocks Ahead Deadline to signup for Guess.. CCYC	9 Ladies Bible Study 10:00am	10 North Raleigh, Cary/Southern Wake Small Gps.7:00pm	11 Morrisville, West Cary, Garner/Clayton/ Willow Spgs Small Gps.7:00pm	12 Bulletin & eNotes Deadline 9:00am Worship Reh. 7:00	13 WOW Meeting 7:00pm	14 Men's Breakfast 8:00am @ Courtney's Restaurant
15 MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON YOUTH MINISTER PRAYER SERVICE 6:30-7:30PM	16 Ladies Bible Study 10:00am NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> North Raleigh, Cary/Southern Wake Small Gps.7:00pm	18 Morrisville, West Cary, Garner/Clayton/ Willow Spgs Small Gps.7:00pm	19 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am	20 Spring Begins	21 Worship Reh. 9:00 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER
22	23 Ladies Bible Study 10:00am	24 North Raleigh, Cary/Southern Wake Small Gps.7:00pm	25 Morrisville, West Cary, Garner/Clayton/ Willow Spgs Small Gps.7:00pm	26 Bulletin & eNotes Deadline 9:00am	27	28
29 ACCESS LEADS WORSHIP SERVICE Access Meets 6pm	30 Ladies Bible Study 10:00am BLOOD DRIVE 3:00-7:30PM	31 North Raleigh, Cary/Southern Wake Small Gps.7:00pm	Happy Birthday! 03-03 Liz Widmayer 03-11 Kellie Beezley 03-13 Andy Mueller 03-15 Shari Still 03-21 Laura Beaver		03/22 Marcus Angel 03/24 Hannah Billings 03/27 Megan Mueller 03/27 Jonathan Webb 03/28 Anita Wallace	Happy Anniversary! 03/31 Chris Teo 03/01 Sheri & Larry Breitenbach 03/10 Laida & Jun Jazmin 03/19 Christine & Ken Walters



<p>Access</p> <p>6th Grade and Up</p> <hr/> <p>Access Worship</p> <p>March 29-Access Meets 6:00pm</p>	<p>CCYC</p> <p>March 6-8 at Raleigh Marriott City Center, Raleigh, NC Contact is Mandy Gregory (ajgreg88@nc.rr.com)</p>
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DRIVE-THROUGH TOY COLLECTION Please drop off your extra, **unopened**, drive-through toys in the collection box in the C3 Kidzone fellowship hall downstairs, or you can give them to Mandy Gregory. This will be an ongoing collection.



2009 Summer Camp Schedule
Park Springs Christian Camp
and Retreat Center

Park Springs is now accepting minimum deposits of \$30. per camper with Online Registration. Register before April 30th and receive \$15. discount on tuition. (Discount only applies to Junior, Middle School, and High School Weeks.)

In addition, Park Springs will offer a new discount of \$50. for campers who choose to attend a second camp of week.



CCC will pay for 1/2 of one camp week per child up to \$100. if you pre-register up to 2 weeks before the camp session.

—Watch for sign-up information in the bulletins and eNotes—

June 14-19	High School 1	Completed Gr. 9-12	Dean: TBA	\$215.
June 21-26	Junior 1	Completed Gr. 4-5	Dean: Glenn VanMeter	215.
June 28-July 3	Middle School 1	Completed Gr. 6-8	Dean: Cory Thomas	215.
July 5-7	Short Timer's 1	Completed Gr. 2-3	Dean: Greg Bryant Becky Perry	80.
July 8-10	Short Timer's 11	Completed Gr. 2-3	Dean: Josh Dowdy	80.
July 11	Icebreakers	Completed Gr. K-1	Dean: Lynn Miller	30.
July 12-17	Junior 11	Completed Gr. 4-5	Dean: Josh Tuftee	215.
July 19-24	Middle School 11	Completed Gr. 6-8	Dean: Steve Bufkin	215.
Aug 5-9	College & Graduating High School Seniors Conf.	College & graduating High School Seniors	Dean: Justin Wallace	TBA

COMMUNION SERVERS FOR MARCH

Serving Coordinator:	Adam Taylor
Communion Meditation:	Mark Mueller
Communion Prayer:	Greg Still
Offering Prayer:	Ron Lawing
Silent Server :	Wayne Billings
Silent Server :	Andy Mueller
Stage :	Ben Still

Shut-In Servers For March:

March 1	Chris Gregory
March 8	Adam Taylor
March 15	Mark Mueller
March 22	Greg Still
March 29	Wayne Gregory
Greeters for March:	Jesse & Patsy Lasley

Church Schedule:

- 9:30—Bible School (All Ages)**
10:15—10:30 Fellowship
10:30—11:45 Worship Service and Kids' Worship

TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY

	Attendance	
February		99
Year To Date		101
	Offerings	
February		\$4,071.00
Year To Date		\$3,708.00
WEEKLY NEED		\$4,255.00

Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

Explanation of Abbreviations:

CCC	= Cary Christian Church
WOW	= Women OF Witness (CCC Ladies Group)
C3SM	= Cary Christian Church Student Ministries (Jr & Sr High)
KOPS	= Kids Of Praise (5th Grade and down)
YAC	= Youth After Church (Jr & Sr High)
Y I E	= Youth Instrumental Ensemble

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